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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Ninth Meeting, 28 April 1959

MEMBERS PRESENT

✓AEC	- Mrs. Doris M. Freer	
✓AGRIC	- Kirby B. Payne, alternate	
✓AIR	- Major Elias Bacha, alternate	
✓ARMY	- Henry Holz, alternate	
✓JIG	- Not represented	
✓LC	- Lewis C. Coffin	
✓NAVY	- Lt. Cdr. D.L. Southall, alternate	
✓NIM	- Col. Frank B. Rogers	25X9A8
✓NSA	- [REDACTED]	
✓NSF	- Bernard M. Fry, alternate	
✓OSD	- Lewis O. Evans, alternate	
✓STATE	- Leo M. Goodman	
	- John J. Morrow, alternate	
✓USIA	- L. King Quan, alternate	
CIA	- [REDACTED] Chairman	25X1A9a
	- [REDACTED] Secretary	

VISITORS

✓STATE - Charles E. Paine

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the eighth meeting were approved.

2. Introduction of New Participants. The Chairman introduced and welcomed Lt. Cdr. Southall, the new Navy member; Major Bacha, the Air alternate, and Mr. Payne, the Agriculture alternate.

3. Proposed Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions. The Chairman reported that the two experiments between the Library of Congress and the Joint Publications Research Service for the preparation of a proposed Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions have been completed. There are still such unresolved problems as how to make more Chinese periodicals available to the Library of Congress, since at the present time it is receiving only some 220 titles out of 500 on the market. Present estimate for the joint preparation of the MICA is around \$300,000 per year.

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4. Proposed Cooperative Funding Projects for Library of Congress Accessions Indexes. The Chairman stated that CIA has formal negotiations underway with the National Science Foundation on the possible funding for the scientific portions of these indexes by the Foundation. Mr. Scott Adams, of the National Science Foundation, has the action on this project, and proposes to call a meeting soon of interested parties. [REDACTED] for most of the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions and the East European Accessions Index, the Chairman suggested that all three indexes (EEAI, MICA and MIRA) be considered for future fiscal support by appropriate agencies. The National Library of Medicine member requested information on whether other ways of preparing the indexes were considered. The Library of Congress member described the historical background of both the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions and the East European Accessions Index. The NLM member proposed, for example, combining the two lists, possibly issuing subject lists. It was the consensus that this was an appropriate time to consider changing the format, scope, etc. of the two lists. The Chairman proposed that the National Science Foundation consider these questions at its meeting discussing the future funding of the projects.

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5. Status Report on P.L. 480 Program. The Library of Congress member reported that they have submitted a new estimate for FY 60 to the Bureau of the Budget. In their revised list of countries to be included in the program, Taiwan and France were deleted, and Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Uruguay and Brazil were added. There have been no hearings to date on these proposals. The National Science Foundation member announced that Mr. Scott Adams, NSF, is travelling to Poland and Yugoslavia to negotiate contracts with those countries. The National Science Foundation position on current discussions with the Bureau of the Budget is that these useful and important programs are not competitive with or a substitution for the regular programs of the National Science Foundation. There was general discussion by PROCIB members regarding this point, together with the proposed trip by Mr. Adams. It was announced that Mr. Adams is available for discussion on this or related matters to any member of PROCIB.

6. Items of General Interest. The Chairman reported the following :
- a. According to a recent State Department Instruction, the U.S. Patent Office has sent some 4,000 patents to the USSR and received 614 in exchange.
  - b. The issue of Science magazine for 24 April 1959, page 1111 has an interesting article on the transliteration of Russian.
  - c. FDD Summary No. 2120 is the Comprehensive Conversion table for the Pin-Yin. (One copy is being sent to each PROCIB member.)

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- d. FDD has recently translated an important Communist Chinese publication, with the English translation of the title: Past and Present of China's Metallurgical, Electric Power, Coal, Machinery, Textile, and Paper Making Industries. The full translation has appeared as FDD Translation No. 727, 17 April 1959, under the title: Major Aspects of the Chinese Economy thru 1956.
7. Status of Coordinated PROCIB Publications. The Chairman stated that the supplement to the Library of Congress Serial Publications of the Soviet Union 1939-1957 will include only items held by PROCIB agencies not included in the original list. The consolidated want list incorporating hard-to-get items desired by PROCIB member agencies has all returns in except for Navy and USIA.
8. Status Report on Evaluation Studies. The State member reported that the Scandinavian and Latin American evaluations are being edited and that a draft is being prepared for coordination. Africa was suggested as the next area for evaluation, and members were requested to have their respective contributions in by 1 July 1959.
9. Annual Report to the United States Intelligence Board. The Committee approved the draft Annual Report with minor emendations.
10. Trip by PROCIB Chairman. The Chairman reminded the members of PROCIB of his imminent trip to Northern Italy and other areas in behalf of the Library of Congress, Department of Agriculture, etc. He intends to leave Washington on 18 May and plans to return the first week in July, 1959. He is available to PROCIB members for discussion of any appropriate problems they may have in the area.
11. Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga. The Library of Congress member announced that the Director of Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, Mr. Zmeul, will be in Washington soon. The Library of Congress hopes to have a discussion with him regarding Russian publications.
12. Reply from State Department. The State Department member read the official reply from his Department to the Chairman of PROCIB in response to his letter (PROCIB-D-10) requesting a statement of policy on the question of negotiating exchange of publications with countries not having diplomatic recognition by the United States. Copies of the State Department reply are attached to these Minutes as PROCIB-D-12. The Chairman suggested that PROCIB members determine whether PROCIB should undertake a formal study of the problem, determine what they want from such a program, and what procurement sources exist other than formal exchange. This item will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

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13. Availability of an Army Publication of Interest. The Army member announced and made available to PROCIB members a publication: Selected List of Czech and Slovak Dictionaries and Other Lexicographic Aids, a reference aid voluntarily prepared by [REDACTED], of the 525th MIG, Fort Meade, Md. This paper will be edited [REDACTED] and published as a PROCIB document.

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